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Madam Speaker, I commend MITRE Corporation on its 50 year milestone of services. It is an innovative corporation that channels all of its resources to the defense of our Nation. I wish them great success in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO MR. GERSON I.  
COOPER

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 15, 2008*

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Gerson I. Cooper for his 50 years of service as President and CEO of Botsford Health Care, located in Oakland County, Michigan.

Mr. Cooper has spent the majority of his life working for Botsford Health Care. After 26 years of strong commitment to patients in the community, Mr. Cooper became President and CEO of Botsford Health Care. Following his retirement, Mr. Cooper will take on a new challenge as a leader of a capital campaign in support of Botsford Hospital's new cancer center.

Throughout the years, Mr. Cooper has dedicated his time to improving the community through the Foundation of Youth and Families, a group he helped organize to assist families in need. On a statewide level, he has served on numerous councils and committees, including the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, which advocates for hospitals and patients.

I also want to commend Mr. Cooper on the many awards he has earned recognizing commitment to public service. Just to name a few, Mr. Cooper earned the "Award of Merit" from the American Osteopathic Hospital Association, the "Distinguished Service Award" from the College of Osteopathic Healthcare Executives, and the "Meritorious Key Award" from the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.

Madam Speaker, I want to recognize and thank Mr. Gerson I. Cooper for his many years of dedication to serving Oakland County residents and extend my best wishes.

TRIBUTE TO PETTY OFFICER  
TYRONE LOGAN

HON. THELMA D. DRAKE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 15, 2008*

Mrs. DRAKE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding achievements of Explo-

sive Ordinance Disposal Technician 1st Class (EWS) Tyrone Logan, and commend him on his great devotion to the United States. Named a 2008 U.S. Fleet Forces Command Sea Sailor of the Year by the United States Navy, Petty Officer Logan's dedication and leadership proved him a strong candidate for this extremely competitive award.

Petty Officer Logan is one of six recipients of this prestigious award. Along with the U.S. Navy, the Fleet Reserve Association worked to establish this program in 1972. The esteemed program recognizes the Navy's top Sailors through presentations, awards, and meritorious advancement to the next pay grade.

Serving in both the United States Marine Corps and the United States Navy, Petty Officer Logan has taken a very active role in the defense of our Nation. He has been deployed to such places as Mosul and Baghdad in Iraq, as well as Pakistan and Africa. He has also been awarded various honors including two Navy Achievement Medals and a Purple Heart. Further, Petty Officer Logan's mentorship to colleagues has been noted. These accolades serve as a testament to Petty Officer Logan's strength of character and commitment to our national values.

With this award, Petty Officer Logan has joined an elite group of Sailors who have achieved this goal. I am certain that his incredible accomplishments, dedication to our country and evident leadership talents will continue to speak highly of him, as they do now.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 15, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, on Monday July 14, 2008 I missed rollcall votes 486, 487, and 488. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all three votes.

TRIBUTE TO GEN. T. MICHAEL  
"BUZZ" MOSELEY

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 15, 2008*

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to General T. Michael Moseley for his long and distinguished career in the U.S. Air Force and for his unwavering commitment to his country. After 37 years of honorable service including over 2,800 hours in flight, General Moseley will surely be missed, but his many accomplishments will always be remembered and surely outlast his service.

General Moseley's vast knowledge and understanding of national security policies can be credited to his tenure at Texas A&M acquiring his bachelors and masters degrees in Political Science. In 1971, during his college career, General Moseley enlisted in the Air

Force, thus beginning one of the most decorated and honorable careers in Air Force history.

After college, his military education continued. He attended Squadron Officer School, Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, Air Command and Staff College, U.S. Air Force Joint Senior Battle Commander's Course, National War College, and Combined Force Air Component Commander Course during his career.

With the knowledge acquired combined with genuine devotion, General Moseley was an obvious choice for demanding positions involving command. His influence had a positive effect with the F-15 Division of the Air Force Fighter Weapons School at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada and the 33rd Operations Group at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. His work with the F-15 was essential to the success the plane had during the wars of the Persian Gulf and Desert Storm. Under his direction as flight and weapons instructor, it was no surprise that the F-15 proved more than formidable with a perfect air to air combat record in the Persian Gulf and in Desert Storm.

His commitment is not constrained to just survival in battle, but for preparing the Air Force for the 21st century. On the day of his swearing in, General Moseley laid out his intentions as the Air Force's 18th Chief of Staff. He said, "We are all going to make it our life's work for you to be proud of us and it is our continued promise that we Airmen will be the best in the world at what we do—dominating air and space."

General Moseley sought to maintain the prestige the Air Force had inherited throughout the years of superior aeronautical innovations. With his many accomplishments and various recognitions both national and international, General Moseley did exactly what he sought out to do: developing and preparing the Air Force for the new century.

His services include Director Liaison for the Secretary of the Air Force; Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs for Asia/Pacific and the Middle East, the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and Chair and Professor of Joint and Combined Warfare at the National War College.

General Moseley was greatly admired by his peers, and received various awards for his efforts during his years in service. His awards include Distinguished Service medals with oak leaf clusters, medals for his efforts on Global War on Terrorism, and from foreign countries such as Korea, France, Brazil, and the Republic of Singapore. General Moseley has even been knighted receiving the title of Knight Commander from Queen Elizabeth II sharing this title with others like Presidents Reagan and Eisenhower.

In the 37 years General Moseley gave to the Air Force, the service has grown stronger, prouder, and more prepared for whatever the future holds. As an Air Force veteran and founder of the House Air Force Caucus, I know what a difficult job General Moseley undertook. And I also know what a great and honorable career he had. He deserves the respect and admiration of all Americans. Thank you General Moseley for your dedication, ideals, and service to our country. America is a better and safer place because of General Michael Moseley's service.